

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
AGRICULTURE, K – 12 CERTIFICATE
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) AGRICULTURE, K – 12 CERTIFICATE MUST BE MET. FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 15-534.03, EACH EDUCATOR MUST NOTIFY THE CERTIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN 30 DAYS. ALL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPTS, BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE FULLY REFERENCED IN THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

➤ **PROVISIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AGRICULTURE, K – 12 CERTIFICATE**

The Provisional certificate is valid for 2 years and may be renewed once for 2 years.

Requirements for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate are:

1. Option A, B, C or D:

Option A:

1. A Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited institution. Official transcript(s) required.
2. Thirty (30) semester hours of courses in agriculture with at least 5 semester hours of courses in three of the following areas: animal science, plant science including soils, agricultural engineering or mechanics, economics or agricultural economics, or agricultural or natural resources.
3. Two hundred forty (240) clock hours of [verified experience](#) in agriculture occupations (approved occupation areas are listed below).

Option B:

1. A valid Arizona Standard Secondary Teaching Certificate.
2. **One (1) year** of the most recent teacher evaluation(s) approved by a certificated administrator, or the administrator's designee, in a secondary school setting and issued during the term of the Arizona Standard Secondary Teaching Certificate exhibiting satisfactory performance in the classroom.
3. Three (3) semester hours of courses in career and technical agricultural education methods.
4. Four hundred eighty (480) clock hours of [verified experience](#) in agriculture occupations (approved occupation areas are listed below).

Option C:

1. Six thousand (6000) clock hours of verified experience in agriculture occupations (approved occupation areas are listed below).

Option D:

1. A valid teaching certificate in Career and Technical Agriculture Education from another state.
2. Verification of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training. **Please see SEI requirements.** Note: Individuals who hold a Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement requirement. The requirements for a Provisional SEI endorsement may be waived for a period not to exceed one year for individuals who graduate from administrator or teacher preparation programs that are not approved by the Arizona State Board of Education and meet all other applicable certification requirements.
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety (602) 223-2279.

Note: *If you otherwise qualify for the certificate but are deficient in Arizona and/or U.S. Constitution you have 3 years under a valid teaching certificate to fulfill the requirement.*

4. Arizona Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).
5. U.S. Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).

Approved Agriculture Occupation Areas: *Agriculture, agriculture operations, and related sciences; natural resources and conservation; environmental design; landscape architecture; agricultural biological engineering and bioengineering; forest engineering, biological and biomedical sciences; parks, recreation and leisure studies; geological and earth sciences/geosciences; veterinary/animal health technology/technician and veterinary assistant; environmental health; veterinary medicine; veterinary biomedical and clinical sciences; and veterinary residency programs.*

➤ **RENEWAL OF THE PROVISIONAL CTE AGRICULTURE, K – 12 CERTIFICATE**

The Provisional CTE may be renewed once for two years. All requirements for renewal of the Provisional certificate must be met.

Requirements for renewal of the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate are:

1. Nine (9) semester hours of courses required for the Standard CTE Agriculture Certificate. Courses should be completed since the most recent issuance of the provisional certificate.
2. A passing score on the secondary professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
3. Verification of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training to qualify for a Provisional or Full SEI endorsement. **Please see SEI requirements.** Note: Individuals who hold a Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement requirement.

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➤ **STANDARD CTE AGRICULTURE, K – 12 CERTIFICATE**

The Standard certificate is valid for 6 years and may be renewed.

1. A passing score on the secondary professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).

2. Option A, B, C or D:

Option A:

1. Qualification under Option A for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate.
2. Twenty-one (21) semester hours of courses, to include the following areas: methods of teaching agriculture, curriculum and materials of instruction, career and technical education classroom management including laboratory safety, operation of a career and technical student organization, experiential education.
3. A practicum in agriculture in grades K-12. **Two (2) years** of verified full-time experience teaching agriculture in grades K-12 may substitute for the practicum. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify experience.)

Option B:

1. Qualification under Option B for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate.
2. **Two (2) years** of teacher evaluation(s) approved by a certificated administrator, or the administrator's designee, in a secondary school setting and issued during the term of the Arizona Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate exhibiting satisfactory performance in the classroom.
3. Fifteen (15) semester hours of courses to include:
 - a. Nine (9) semester hours of courses in agriculture subject knowledge;
 - b. Three (3) semester hours of courses in career and technical education classroom management including laboratory safety;
 - c. Three (3) semester hours of courses in the operation of a career and technical student organization.

Option C:

1. Qualification under Option C for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate.
2. **Two (2) years** of teacher evaluation(s) approved by a certificated administrator, or the administrator's designee, in a secondary school setting and issued during the term of the Arizona Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate exhibiting satisfactory performance in the classroom.
3. Fifteen (15) semester hours of courses in professional knowledge to include any of the following areas: principles/philosophy of career and technical education, operation of a career and technical student organization, methods of teaching agriculture, curriculum design/development, instructional design/methodology, assessment/evaluation, instructional technology, educational philosophy, or career and technical education classroom management including laboratory safety.
4. Nine (9) semester hours of courses in agriculture subject knowledge.

Option D:

1. Qualification under Option D for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate.
 2. **Two (2) years** of teacher evaluation(s) approved by a certificated administrator, or the administrator's designee, in a secondary school setting and issued during the term of the Arizona Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate exhibiting satisfactory performance in the classroom.
1. Verification of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training to qualify for a Provisional or Full SEI endorsement. **Please see SEI requirements.** Note: Individuals who hold a Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement requirement.
 3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety (602) 223-2279.

➤ **RENEWAL OF THE STANDARD CTE AGRICULTURE, K – 12 CERTIFICATE**

The Standard certificate may be renewed 6 months before it expires. All requirements for the renewal of the Standard certificate must be met.

1. One hundred eighty (180) clock hours of professional development or 12 semester hours of coursework posted on official transcripts after the most recent issuance or renewal of the certificate.
2. Verification of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training to qualify for a Provisional or Full SEI endorsement. **Please see SEI requirements.** Note: Individuals who hold a Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement requirement.